



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Idaho's natural heritage, providing valuable aesthetic, economic and ecological contributions that make our state a special place to live; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys amazing biodiversity, with more than 3,000 native plant species from evergreen forests in the north to desert species in the southern part of the state; and*

*WHEREAS, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting wildlife, birds, fish and water quality in our state; and*

*WHEREAS, invasive species present a great threat to sustaining our native plant ecosystems and biodiversity;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim the week of April 29, through May 5, 2007 as*

***NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK***

*in Idaho, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating our floral diversity by learning more about our native plants and their habitats.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE